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SUBJECT:DHEW/PHS/NIH - SITE VISIT FOR REVIEW AND DEVELOP-  
MENT OF SFCP APPLICATION FIC 69 FOR STUDY OF EPIDEMIOLOGY  
OF STROKE IN EGYPT, PROFESSOR OSAMAH ELWAN

PASS TO SCIATT ADDISON RICHMOND

1. SUBJECT PROPOSAL WAS HAND DELIVERED TO NIH BY DR.  
AHMED BADRAN AT TIME OF THE US-EGYPT JOINT HEALTH WORKING  
GROUP AND BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS IN  
JULY 1977. ON AUGUST 16, 1977 FIC/NIH FORMALLY ACKNOWLED-  
GED TO BADRAN THAT NIH HAD RECEIVED THE PROPOSAL AND  
SUBMITTED IT FOR PRELIMINARY PROGRAM RELEVANCE REVIEW. IT  
HAS ELICITED EXTENSIVE NIH INTEREST. DR. JAMES TOOLE OF  
THE BOWMAN GRAY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE IN WINSTON SALEM, NORTH  
CAROLINA, INFORMED NIH THAT HE HAS BEEN IN DIRECT CONTACT  
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WITH MINISTER OF HEALTH IBRAHIM BADRAN CONCERNING PENDING  
PROPOSAL, THAT HE HAS PLANNED MEETING FOR REVIEW AND  
FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF STUDY, AND THAT PROPOSAL HAS APPRO-  
VAL OF MINISTER OF HEALTH. HOWEVER, NIH DOES NOT KNOW  
WHETHER PROPOSAL HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE MOH PERMANENT  
RESEARCH COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED AND  
AGREED UPON CHANNELS.

2. THIS TOPIC HAS NOT BEEN DESIGNATED TO DATE AS A PRIORITY ITEM FOR US-EGYPT BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE. HOWEVER, DURING JANUARY 1978 MEETING OF RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE, DR. JACOBS DISCUSSED THE INTERESTS OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGICAL AND COMMUNICABLE DISORDERS AND STROKE PROGRAM IN EGYPT WITH DR. AHMED BADRAN. AT THIS TIME HE GAVE HIM DR. TOWER'S MEMO OF JANUARY 4, 1978, OUTLINING NINCDS' INTEREST IN EGYPT WHICH DESCRIBED THIS STUDY, AMONG OTHERS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND MATERIAL. DR. BADRAN WAS TO DISCUSS THIS INFORMATION WITH PERMANENT RESEARCH COMMITTEE.

3. THE NINCDS HAS DETERMINED THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS OF RELEVANCE TO ITS PROGRAM. HOWEVER, IT IS NECESSARY TO IMPROVE THE EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN AND FOR THE US COLLABORATORS TO OBTAIN FIRSTHAND INFORMATION ABOUT NUMEROUS FACTORS IN THE LOCAL ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT, WHICH WILL INFLUENCE THE DESIGN OF THE PROJECT AND ITS POTENTIAL VALUE, BEFORE THE PROJECT CAN BE SUBMITTED FOR A FORMAL ASSESSMENT OF THE TECHNICAL MERIT. A GROUP IS PLANNING TO MEET FOR THIS PURPOSE IN CAIRO ON MARCH 28-31 TO DISCUSS THE PROTOCOL FOR THE STUDY. THIS GROUP WILL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING FROM THE US: DR. JAMES TOOLE, DEPARTMENT OF NEUROLOGY, BOWMAN GRAY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, SPECIALTY - CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE; DR. MICHEL IBRAHIM, PROFESSOR AND UNCLASSIFIED

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CHAIRMAN PUBLIC HEALTH AND EPIDEMIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, SPECIALTY - EPIDEMIOLOGY; DR. RICHARD JANEWAY, DEAN, BOWMAN GRAY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, SPECIALTY - CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE; DR. CLARK MILLIKAN, PROFESSOR OF NEUROLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, SPECIALTY - CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE; DR. MURRAY GOLDSTLIN, DIRECTOR, STROKE AND TRAUMA PROGRAM, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY AND COMMUNICATIVE DISEASES, NIH; DR. BRUCE SCHOENBERG, HEAD, SECTION OF EPIDEMIOLOGY, NINCDS, NIH, AND DR. DALLAS W. ANDERSON, SURVEY STATISTICIAN, OFFICE OF BIOMETRY AND EPIDEMIOLOGY, NINCDS, NIH.

4. THE EGYPTIANS WHO ARE INCLUDED IN THIS PROJECT ARE: DR. YAHIA TAHER, DEAN, CAIRO UNIVERSITY; DR. HASSAN HAMDI, VICE-RECTOR, CAIRO UNIVERSITY; AHMED HANAFI, PROFESSOR OF EPIDEMIOLOGY, CAIRO UNIVERSITY, AND DR. OSAMAH ELWAN, PROFESSOR OF NEUROLOGY, CAIRO UNIVERSITY.

5. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED, IN LIGHT OF THE DISCUSSIONS OF DR. LEON JACOBS, US CO-CHAIRMAN OF BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE, DURING JANUARY 16, 1978 MEETING, TO INFORM DR. AHMED BADRAN, CO-CHAIRMAN OF BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

SUBCOMMITTEE, THAT ALTHOUGH THE ABOVE PLANS ARE WELL  
ADVANCED, IT IS NOT THE INTENTION OF NIH TO FORCE A  
FAVORABLE DECISION FROM PERMANENT RESEARCH COMMITTEE.

EMBASSY IS ALSO URGENTLY REPEAT URGENTLY REQUESTED TO: A)  
INFORM PROFESSOR AHMED BADRAN OF FOREGOING DEVELOPMENTS ON  
PROPOSAL; B) DETERMINE STATUS OF PROPOSAL WITH MOH PERMA-  
NENT RESEARCH COMMITTEE; C) DETERMINE MOH ACCEPTABILITY OF  
TEAM VISIT, AND D) REPORT ASAP ABOVE INFORMATION TO NIH  
AND ANY ADDITIONAL FACTORS WHICH MIGHT INFLUENCE ARRANGE-  
MENTS FOR MEETING.

6. ETA FOR PARTICIPANTS IS AS FOLLOWS: DR. MICHEL IBRA-  
HIM VIA TW 840 MARCH 25; DR. MURRAY GOLDSTEIN VIA ME 742  
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ON MARCH 27; DR. CLARK MILLIKAN VIA TW 800 ON MARCH 27;  
DRS. DALLAS ANDERSON AND BRUCE SCHOENBERG VIA TW 840 ON  
MARCH 27, AND DRS. JAMES TOOLE AND RICHARD JANEWAY VIA TW  
840 ON MARCH 28.

7. FISCAL DATA: DR. TOOLE TO N-112999, 03112999/OD; DR.  
IBRIHAM TO N-113999, 03113999/OD; DR. JANEWAY TO N-114999,  
03114999/OD; DR. MILLIKAN TO N-115999, 03115999/OD; DR.  
ANDERSON TO N-116999, 03116999/OD; DR. GOLDSTEIN TO N-  
117999, 03117999/OD, AND DR. SCHOENBERG TO N-118999,  
03118999/OD. APPROPRIATION 75X1102 AND ALLOTMENT 8-  
A731803, 21.22 APPLY TO ALL.

8. HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE BEING MADE BY DR. OSAMAH ELWAN,  
CAIRO UNIVERSITY. EMBASSY REQUESTED CONFIRM WITH HIM.

9. NIH REQUESTS CONCURRENCE OR NOTIFCATION IF TRIP IS  
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